

## EXHIBIT C

SPECIFIC AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE

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Bern, Canton of Bern ) SS:  
Embassy of the United States of America )

Hayward M. Alto, a consular officer at the Embassy of the United States at Bern, Switzerland, certify that this is a true copy of Embassy note number 27474 dated April 23, 2021, which was transmitted to the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs on April 28, 2021 for further transmission to the American Interests Section of the Swiss Embassy in Tehran, Iran.

  
(Signature of Consular Officer)

Hayward M. ALTO  
(Typed name of Consular Officer)

Consul of the United States of America  
(Title of Consular Officer)

June 14, 2021  
(Date)





*Embassy of the United States of America*

April 23, 2021

CONS NO. 27474

Federal Department of Foreign Affairs  
Foreign Interests Section  
Kochergasse 10  
Federal Palace North  
Office #4.001  
3003 Bern

Subject: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE: Service of process under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (FSIA) – In re: Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001, 1:03-md-01570(BGD)(SN): Ashton, et al. v. al Qaeda Islamic Army, et al., 02-CV-6977 (GBD)(SN) and member case Sirak Betru, et al. v. Islamic Republic of Iran, 1:18-cv-8297 (GBD)(SN)

REF: ----

The Department of State has requested the delivery of the enclosed Summons, Iran Short Form Complaint, Civil Cover Sheet, Related Case Statement, and Notice of Suit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran pursuant to the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act in the matter of In re: Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001, 1:03-md-01570(BGD)(SN): Ashton, et al. v. al Qaeda Islamic Army, et al., 02-CV-6977 (GBD)(SN) and member case Sirak Betru, et al. v. Islamic Republic of Iran, 1:18-cv-8297 (GBD)(SN).

The Embassy is herewith requesting the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs to transmit the documents to the American Interests Section of the Swiss Embassy in Tehran. There is one defendant to be served in this case: the Islamic Republic of Iran. The American Interests Section should transmit the Summons, Iran Short Form Complaint, Civil Cover Sheet, Related Case Statement, and Notice of Suit to the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs under cover of one diplomatic note utilizing the language provided in the enclosed instructions.

Transmittal should be done in a manner which enables the Embassy to confirm delivery. The American Interests Section should execute certifications of the diplomatic notes, which will be forwarded by the Department of State to the requesting court in the United States.

Enclosed is one appropriate part of a message the Embassy received from the Department of State as well two sets of documents for each defendant.

The Embassy would appreciate being informed of the date the American Interests Section of the Swiss Embassy in Tehran receives the documents as well as the date the Interests Section forwards the documents to the Iranian authorities.

SPP's assistance is much appreciated.





**BEGIN TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE REGARDING DEFENDANT ISLAMIC  
REPUBLIC OF IRAN:**

The Embassy of Switzerland, Foreign Interests Section in Tehran refers the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the lawsuit Ashton, et al. v. al Qaeda Islamic Army, et al., 02-CV-6977 (GBD)(SN) and member case Sirak Betru, et al. v. Islamic Republic of Iran, 1:18-cv-8297 (GBD)(SN), which is pending in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. The Islamic Republic of Iran is a defendant in this case. The Foreign Interests Section transmits a Summons and Iran Short Form Complaint herewith. The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York has requested service of these documents. This note constitutes transmittal of these documents to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran as contemplated in Title 28, United States Code, Section 1608(a)(4).

Under applicable U.S. law a defendant in a lawsuit must file an answer to the Complaint or some other responsive pleading within 60 days of the date of transmittal of the Complaint, in this case the date of this note. Failing to do so, a defendant risks the possibility of having judgment entered against it without the opportunity to present arguments or evidence on its behalf. Therefore, the Foreign Interests Section requests that the enclosed Summons and Iran Short Form Complaint be forwarded to the appropriate authority of the Islamic Republic of Iran with a view towards taking whatever steps are necessary to avoid a default judgment.

In addition to the Summons and Iran Short Form Complaint, the Foreign Interests Section is enclosing a Notice of Suit, prepared by the plaintiff, which summarizes the nature of the case and includes references to U.S. laws concerning suits against foreign States and certain other court documents that the plaintiff has requested be transmitted.

The Foreign Interests Section has been advised that under U.S. law any jurisdictional or other defense including claims of sovereign immunity must be addressed to the court before which the matter is pending, for which reason it is advisable to consult an attorney in the United States. It is the practice of the U.S. Department of State to be available to discuss the requirements of U.S. law with counsel. The U.S. Government is not a party to this case and cannot represent other parties in this matter.

**Attachments:**

1. Summons, Iran Short Form Complaint, Civil Cover Sheet, Related Case Statement, and Notice of Suit
2. Translations

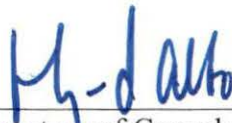
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certify that the annexed document bears the genuine seal of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs.

certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.



(Signature of Consular Officer)

Hayward M. ALTO  
(Typed name of Consular Officer)

Consul of the United States of America  
(Title of Consular Officer)

June 14, 2021  
(Date)





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Federal Department of Foreign Affairs FDFA

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K. 346-01-02-01-USA/IRAN

The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and refers to Cons Note No. 27474 dated April 23, 2021 regarding judicial assistance and has the honor to convey following documents of the U.S. Interests Section of the Embassy of Switzerland in Tehran:

Judicial Assistance:

**Ashton, et al. v. al Qaeda Islamic Army, et al., 02-CV-6977 (GBD)(SN) and member case Sirak Betru, et al. v Islamic Republic of Iran, 1:18-cv-8297 (GBD)(SN)**

Note 1059-IE addressed to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran

dated May 24, 2021 and proof of service, dated May 31, 2021 as well as the certification by the Swiss Federal Chancellery dated June 09, 2021.

The section has received the above mentioned documents on May 10, 2021. It has transmitted these to the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs together with its diplomatic note on May 30, 2021. The reception of the mentioned documents was refused the same day by the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Berne, June 9, 2021



Enclosure(s) mentioned

To the  
Embassy of the  
United States of America

Berne



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Embassy of the United States of America )

I certify that the annexed document is executed by the genuine signature and seal of the following named official who, in an official capacity, is empowered by the laws of Switzerland to execute that document.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Alessandra Maniero  
(Typed name of Official who executed the annexed document)

  
(Signature of Consular Officer)

Hayward M. ALTO  
(Typed name of Consular Officer)

Consul of the United States of America  
(Title of Consular Officer)

June 14, 2021  
(Date)





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Embassy of Switzerland in Iran  
Foreign Interests Section

No. 1059-IE

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The Embassy of Switzerland, Foreign Interests Section, avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran the assurances of its highest consideration. *G*

Tehran, May 24, 2021




Attachments:

1. Summons, Iran Short Form Complaint, Civil Cover Sheet, Related Case Statement, and Notice of Suit
2. Translations

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Islamic Republic of Iran  
Department of American Affairs  
Tehran**



I, Christian Gobet, Head of the Foreign Interests Section of the Embassy of Switzerland in Iran, certify herewith that this is a true copy of Diplomatic Note No. 1059-IE, dated May 24, 2021. The delivery of this note and its enclosures was attempted on May 30, 2021 but the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs refused its acceptance.

  
Christian Gobet  
Head of the Foreign Interests Section

Tehran, May 31, 2021



**APOSTILLE**

(Convention de la Haye du 5 octobre 1961)

1. Country: SWISS CONFEDERATION

This public document

2. has been signed by Christian Gobet

3. acting in the capacity of Head of the Foreign Interests Section

4. bears the seal/stamp of

Embassy of Switzerland US Interests Section Tehran

Certified

5. at Berne

6. the 09 June 2021

7. by Alessandra Manoiero  
functionary of the Swiss federal Chancellery

8. No 013956

9. Seal/stamp:

Swiss federal Chancellery

10. Signature:





ترجمه غیر رسمی

سفارت سوئیس  
قسمت حافظ منافع خارجی

شماره IE-1059

سفارت سوئیس، قسمت حافظ منافع خارجی در تهران، ضمن اظهار تعارفات خود به وزارت امور خارجه جمهوری اسلامی ایران، احتراماً توجه آن وزارتخانه محترم را به دعوی حقوقی تحت عنوان اشتون و دیگران علیه ارتش اسلامی القاعده و دیگران، تحت پرونده شماره 02-CV-6977 (GBD)(SN) و پرونده عضو، سیرک بترو و دیگران علیه جمهوری اسلامی ایران، تحت پرونده شماره 18-CV-8297 (GBD)(SN)، که در دادگاه منطقه ای ایالات متحده آمریکا برای منطقه جنوبی نیو یورک مفتوح میباشد، جلب می نماید. جمهوری اسلامی ایران طرف خوانده در این پرونده می باشد. سفارت سوئیس بنا به درخواست دادگاه منطقه ای ایالات متحده آمریکا برای منطقه جنوبی نیو یورک، یک فقره احضاریه و فرم کوتاه شکایت از ایران را ایفاد می دارد. برابر مقررات فصل 28 بخش 1608 بند (الف)(4) مجموعه قوانین ایالات متحده، این یادداشت به منزله ابلاغ مدارک مذکور به دولت جمهوری اسلامی ایران تلقی می گردد.

طبق قوانین قابل اجرا ایالات متحده، خوانده یک پرونده می بایست ظرف ۶۰ روز از تاریخ ابلاغ شکایت، در این مورد تاریخ یادداشت، پاسخی به شکایت یا دیگر پاسخی دفاعی در پرونده بگذارد. در غیر اینصورت، ممکن است حکمی بر ضد خوانده صادر گردد بدون آنکه خوانده فرصت ارائه شواهد و دفاعیه از طرف خود را داشته باشد. لذا، سفارت در خواست می نماید که احضاریه و فرم کوتاه شکایت از ایران ضمیمه، با این دید که اقدامات لازم جهت جلوگیری از حکم قصور انجام شود، برای مقامات مربوطه ایرانی ارسال گردد.

سفارت علاوه بر احضاریه و فرم کوتاه شکایت از ایران، ابلاغیه اقامه دعوی که توسط شاکی داور بر خلاصه ماهیت پرونده و مشتمل بر رونوشتی از مجموعه قوانین ایالات متحده آمریکا در خصوص دادخواست علیه دولتهای خارجی تهیه شده است، و بنا به درخواست شاکی اسناد دادگاهی دیگری را به پیوست ایفاد می دارد.

سفارت بدینوسیله اشعار می دارد که بموجب قوانین ایالات متحده آمریکا، هر گونه دفاع مربوط به قلمرو قضائی و اداری و یا دفاع دیگری، از جمله عنوان نمودن مصونیت دولت ها، باید در مقابل دادگاهی صورت گیرد که موضوع در آن مفتوح می باشد. از این رو مشورت با یک مشاور حقوقی در ایالات متحده آمریکا توصیه می گردد. وزارت امور خارجه ایالات متحده آمریکا آماده گفتگو با مشاور در مورد قوانین مربوطه میباشد. دولت ایالات متحده آمریکا از طرفین این پرونده نبوده و نماینده هیچ یک از طرفین نخواهد بود.

سفارت سوئیس، قسمت حافظ منافع خارجی، موقع را مغتنم شمرده مراتب احترامات فائقه خود را نسبت به وزارت امور خارجه جمهوری اسلامی ایران را تجدید می نماید.

تهران، بتاریخ سوم خرداد ماه ۱۴۰۰ (۲۴ می ۲۰۲۱)

پیوست: ۱- احضاریه، فرم کوتاه شکایت از ایران، برگه اطلاعات دعوی مدنی، بیانیه پرونده مرتبط و ابلاغیه اقامه دعوی  
۲- ترجمه ها



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